

The Parish Community of *St. Leonard* Welcomes You

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OUR PARISH TEAM:

Pastor - Fr. P. John Nosan
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Deacon - James Bell

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 noon

DAILY MASS & DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE:

Monday - 9:00 a.m. Mass
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. Mass
Wednesday - 6:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00 p.m. Mass
Thursday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour Cenacle
7:00 p.m. Mass
Friday - 9:00 a.m. Mass
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Any other time by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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BAPTISM:

Must be registered in the parish for at least three months. A baptism date will be set after attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class.

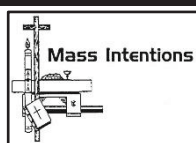
COMMUNION & ANOINTING FOR THE SICK:

The Parish Team and Pastoral Visitors are available to visit the sick in the home or hospital and to bring communion. A priest is available to give the anointing of the sick. Please contact the Rectory.

MARRIAGE:

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. At least one of the parties must reside within the parish boundaries or be a registered member of the parish and attending weekly. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 9 - St. Juan Diego

9:00 a.m. - SPECIAL INT. OF MARIA FRIAS

5:00 p.m. - LILY HSIUNG R.I.P.

Sunday, December 10 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. - NICHOLAS KOSTER R.I.P.

10:30 a.m.- CORRADO & SALVATRICE CALLERI R.I.P.

12:00 noon- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Monday, December 11 - St. Damasus

9:00 am. - DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
FURTADO FAMILY R.I.P.

Tuesday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 p.m. - THANKSGIVING INT. FOR TOMI TARASUK

Wednesday, December 13 - St. Lucy

7:00 p.m. - INT. FOR CHRISTINA DEL ROSARIO

Thursday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross

7:00 p.m. - FR. ANTONI MENDRELA & DECEASED
FAMILY MEMBERS R.I.P.

Friday, December 15

9:00 a.m. - PIN HONG CHEN R.I.P.

Saturday, December 16

9:00 a.m. - THANKSGIVING SPECIAL INTENTION

5:00 p.m. - MARY, JOHN & PADDY HAND R.I.P.

Sunday, December 17 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30 a.m.- MANUEL & MARY CORREA R.I.P.

12:00 noon- EDGARDO REYES & APOLONIA
MANGALINO R.I.P.

Readings for December 10

Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3.8-14
Mark 1.1-8

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* Mark 1:1-3

These, the opening lines from the Gospel of Saint Mark, present us with Saint John the Baptist. John was the one that Isaiah prophesied would come before the Messiah. John was given the responsibility and privilege of being the one who would be the most immediate preparer for the Saviour of the World.

John the Baptist, at the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, was driven not into the homes of the most prestigious and wealthy, not into the halls of the civil governors, and not into the synagogues or Temple. Instead, John was driven into the desert. And in the desert, that dry and deserted place, he drew many people to himself and to his message of repentance.

God continues to call many today to follow in the footsteps of John the Baptist. Though John was a real person sent on a real mission at one particular moment in time, the mission he fulfilled is one that still needs fulfilling in various ways today. The "way of the Lord" still needs to be prepared. The Lord still desires to come to many, and He needs prophets to prepare the way for His continual coming by grace. Are you one of those people?

Every one of us, rich or poor, learned or unlearned, young or old, etc., is called by God to prepare the way for His coming by grace every day. We are called to prepare the way by calling others to sincere repentance and conversion of life. This is done by the witness of our actions, by our words and by numerous other ways that God calls. How is God calling you to do His work? He is certainly calling you. You simply need to be open to that calling and generously respond.



BRUNCH WITH SANTA

The Brunch with Santa on December 10th is sold out! Thank you for your support of this event.

CONGRATULATIONS



Last weekend Fr. John installed 10 new Pastoral Visitors to visit the sick in our community and to bring the Eucharist to them in their homes, the hospital, and nursing homes. Congratulations to: Jackie Rodgers, Carmelita Baricuatro, Anna D'Costa, Sharmeni Devotta, Jenny Roppa, Pamela Balaag, Beulah Burtles, Lorraine Gonsalves, Mila Gustaquio Syme, and Jonathan Campos. Thank you for your willingness to serve in this important ministry.

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES FOR LECTORS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST & ALTAR SERVERS ARE IN THE SACRISTY.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Masses for Christmas Eve - December 24

5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m., and
12:00 Midnight (Carol singing at 11:30 p.m.)

Masses for Christmas Day December 25

10:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon
(No 9:00 a.m. Mass)



NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 31 - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, January 1 - 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon
(No 9:00 a.m. Mass)



CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be providing help for Christmas to those in need in our community. The 'Christmas Angel Tree' will be in the foyer this weekend, December 9/10, and next weekend December 16/17. Please take an angel which will indicate the family size on the back and provide a gift in the form of cash or cheque, grocery store or Walmart gift card, to help the family this Christmas. **We will also be collecting non-perishable food items. These can be placed in the bin available in the foyer.**

Tax receipts for donations of \$20.00 or more will be issued by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Please provide your full name and address on the envelope. We thank you for your generosity and support.



You are invited to join St. Leonard's Choir to participate in the Lessons and Carols program at 11:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. This will consist of carol singing and scripture reading before Midnight Mass.

2000 Hail Mary Devotion

Saturday, December 16, 2023

6:00 am – 5:00 pm at St. Eugene de Mazenod
Church (2nd Floor, St. Faustina Room)
1252 Steeles Ave. in Brampton.
Contact: Maria at 905-781-1369.



ADVENT *Day of Confessions*

During Advent, we are invited to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord – to wait in joyful hope for his return in glory at the end of time and to prepare for the annual celebration of his birth.

The following are the extra times for Confession during this Advent season:

Tuesday, December 12th

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Msgr. Conrad
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Msgr. Ace
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

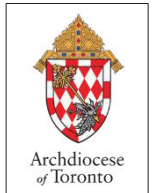
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Thursday, December 21st

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Fr. Joseph Pham

Our Archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the Archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the consultation, visit: www.archtoronto.org/consultation to complete a brief survey by December 15, 2023, where you can offer your suggestions and insights.



The process should take just a few minutes and we ask that you complete the short survey as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas, and discernment.



Offertory envelopes for **2024** are available downstairs in the first room. If you used envelopes in 2023, you will find a box with your name.

If you would like to begin using envelopes in 2024, unlabelled boxes are available in the sacristy upon request or call the office. Please write the name to be used for your tax receipt and full address on the first few envelopes that you use.

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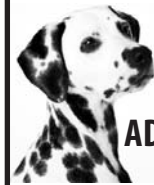
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